

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH AUGUST 17, 2004

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School Committee held a meeting on this date at

7 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High School Library. Members present were Bill Clay, chairman; Connie Lyons, vice chairwoman; Paul McFadden, clerk; John Toro; and Sue DeSack. Teri Cicero was absent. Superintendent Roy M. Seitsinger, Jr., Director of Curriculum Philip D. Thornton, Director of Administration Robert V. Ross, and Director of Special Services Maureen DeCrescenzo were also present.

ORDER - Chair Clay called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Member DeSack read the District Mission statement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Chair Clay moved to go into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. in accordance with RIGL 42-45-5(a)2 to discuss Collective Bargaining. Seconded by Member Toro. Voted 6-0.

Recessed to Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

Returned to Open Session at 7:30 p.m.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM – Beyond GLE - Lisa Dallas representing the Metcalf Enrichment Program displayed enrichment materials the group had created and presented to Principal Boyce and inquired about the \$5,000 request for stipends for 5 teachers and the utilization of volunteers in the classrooms.

METCALF ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE – In response to Mrs. Dallas' request, Superintendent Seitsinger assured Mrs. Dallas that the administration is in complete support of the program, however, there are several other parties that need to be included, such as, teachers SITeams, etc. Mr. Thornton will be meeting with Principal Boyce, the faculty, SIT, and the union some time in September to discuss the initiative.

CONSENT AGENDA – Chair Clay moved to accept the Consent Agenda with the removal of the August 3, 2004 Executive Minutes because there was no meeting on that date. Seconded by Vice Chair Lyons. Voted. 6-0.

The following items were approved:

A. Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2004 Special Meeting, July 27, 2004 Regular and Executive.

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments - (acceptance recommended by the Superintendent)

- a. Mark Thompson as Middle School Principal, effective August 16, 2004.
- b. Kelly Fraser as 0.5 FTE Grade 1, job share, step 5, BA+M, effective August 27, 2004.

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- c. Maureen Pontarelli as Metcalf School Literacy Coach.
- d. Kim Briggs as High School Cheerleading Coach for the 2004-05 school year.
- e. Jeffrey Glantz as 0.5 FTE, a.m., Middle School Science teacher, step 1, M+30, effective August 27, 2004.
- f. Paul deCastro as 1.0 FTE, High School Physical Education teacher, step 1, BS, effective August 27, 2004.
- g. Jennifer Baptista as 0.4 FTE, Junior High Physical Education, step 1, BS, effective August 27, 2004.

2. Resignations – (acceptance recommended by the Superintendent)

- a. Jennifer Smith from her position as High School English teacher, effective immediately.
- b. Wilbur Blake from his position as Junior High Wrestling Coach, effective immediately.

C. Bills – Accruals in the amount of \$10,109.16 and Regular bills in the amount of \$112,225.25.

End of Consent Agenda

D. Correspondence – (1) edited Policy 3207 and amended Policy 8513, (2) National Affiliate update, (3) Building Project update/Request, (4) Important Meetings posting.

Mr. Ross gave an overview of the Building Committee's request asking the District to allocate funds for final payment and outstanding work to be performed. Chair Clay moved to allocate funds in the amount of \$4,533.42 for final payment on work to be completed. Seconded by Member McFadden. Voted 6-0.

Bus Route Request – Earl Adams representing approximately 20 students requested transportation to and from Hendricken High School. Superintendent Seitsinger explained that the Rhode Island Department of Education assigns each school district an area for which the District is required to provide transportation. Hendricken High School is not in our area. Member McFadden read a law that requires transportation for special education. It was determined that this was not a special education issue. The Committee agreed that there are no funds available and would not support any transportation that would interfere with the District's bus runs.

ROUTINE ITEMS – 03-04 Budget - Mr. Ross reported that the District

is still in the black, although bills are still coming in. The final unaudited year-end projection will be available at the August 24 meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS – Athletic and Coaches Handbooks Approval –
Member DeSack moved to accept the Athletic and Coaches
handbooks. Seconded by Vice Chair Lyons. Voted 6-0.

Dr. Seitsinger reported that student population is positive to class
size from K-8. The high school has 790 students, the largest ever,
with 220 freshman students enrolled to date. Principal Boule', her
support staff and faculty are looking closely at the high school
student count and will make possible recommendations for additional
staff.

The School Committee agreed to hold the next School Committee
meeting on August 24, 2004, 7 p.m.

Member DeSack moved to adjourn. Seconded by Vice Chair Lyons.

Voted 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

JUDITH V. ALLENSON

CLERK